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SUBJECT: CPA – Use of Common Land Unit Data Layer

Purpose: To provide information regarding the Use of Common Land Unit Data Layer Certification

Expiration Date: September 31, 2005.

In recent weeks several questions have arisen concerning the use of the Common Land Unit data layer (CLU) prior to FSA certification and what impacts this certification will have on NRCS operations. NRCS will continue to make use of the most current information available in assisting our customers to protect and enhance their resources.

NRCS will continue to utilize the CLU data. Once NRCS receives notification that the CLU data has been certified for a particular county, NRCS will use the certified data layer. NRCS will not make whole sale contract modifications for programs which we have administrative responsibility as a result of the certification of the CLU layer. Normal contract administration will continue as per current NRCS instructions.

Questions concerning use of the CLU data layer may be directed to Bruce Nielsen, GIS Specialist. Questions concerning program contract administration should be directed to Dwayne Howard, ASTC-Programs at 317-290-3200, ext. 386.

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